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LOK SABHA

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IDENTIFICATION OF POOREST IN ADIVASIS DOMINATED AREAS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to conduct a survey with the help of community based organizations/non-Governmental organisations to identify the poorest particularly in the Adivasis dominated areas in the States including Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;and

(c) the time by which such surveys are likely to be conducted, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (c): There is no proposal to conduct a survey with the help of community based organizations/non-Governmental organisations to identify the poorest particularly in the Adivasis dominated areas in the States including Maharashtra. However, the Ministry of Rural Development (MORD) conducts a Below Poverty Line (BPL) Census for identifying the poor after every five years coinciding with the Five Year Plans. For the Tenth Five Year Plan the field survey work has already been completed by almost by the States. However, the results have not been finalised because of the order passed by the Hon`ble Supreme Court Civil Writ Petition No. 196 of 2001 in the matter of PUCL vs Union of India.